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(amended) flange, a split nut which may be tightened upon the fitting by rotating the split nut, and a nut cover which may be slid over the tightened split nut.

23. (Amended) A fitting and pipe section assembly and interchangeable heater device for mounting in fluid flow communication in tubing of a jetted bath, comprising:

a pipe section having a center segment integrally formed with inlet and outlet end portions of the pipe section, each of the end portions carrying a first close fit fitting, the inlet and outlet end portions being adapted to be coupled in fluid flow communication to an inlet and outlet of the tubing to install the pipe section in the tubing; and

<sup>A<sub>4</sub></sup> a heater device having a tubular body defining an inlet end and an outlet end, each of the inlet and outlet ends carrying a second close fit fitting, wherein the center segment can be selectively laterally removed from between the inlet and outlet end portions and the heater device can then be laterally inserted in place of the center segment between the inlet and outlet end portions of the pipe section, wherein the second close fit fittings of the heater device engaging the first close fit fittings of the pipe section without displacement of the installed inlet and outlet end portions of tubing.

24. (New) A fitting and pipe section assembly that is capable of being installed in tubing of a jetted bath to render the tubing adaptable to accept a close fit device, comprising:

(a) a pipe section having a center segment disposed between inlet and outlet end portions for fluid flow coupling to an inlet and an outlet of the tubing, wherein the pipe section includes first and second indicia on the pipe section that guide post-installation cutting of the pipe section at predetermined points and removal of the center segment; and

<sup>A<sub>5</sub></sup> (b) first and second fittings disposed on the inlet and outlet portions of the pipe section; wherein the center segment of the pipe section may be selectively removed leaving the inlet and outlet portions including the first and second fittings; and

wherein the fitting and pipe section assembly may accept the close fit device between the inlet and outlet portions of the fitting and pipe section assembly.